

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಬಂಗೇರಾ.— ಇದು ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದುದು.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA — I don't under rate the importance. I wanted further more information. I would like to get it from the concerned people. That is why I pleaded; other wise I would not have stated so.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.— ಅವರಿಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಇನ್‌ಫರ್ಮೇಷನ್ ಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಟಿ. ಫುಲೇಡ್.— ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಂ.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ.ಗಳು ಹೋಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು — ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಕಷ್ಟ ಏನು ಎನ್ನುವುದು ನನಗೆ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ ದೊಳಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಡಿ. ಬಂಗೇರಾ.— ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಇವತ್ತೇ ಕೊನೆ ದಿವಸ...

MADAM SPEAKER.— If the hon'ble Minister can get the information, he may please make a statement in the afternoon.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— I have received some information. Some more further information is necessary. I have asked them to get it. Without the correct information, I cannot give proper replies and also the hon. Members will take me to task. As the Chair suggested, nothing prevents the hon. Members to discuss their difficulties and other problems relating to that subject.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.— ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಸಮಾಧಾನವಾಗದೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅವರು ಬಂದು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಮಾತನಾಡಬಹುದು.

(ii) re : *Illegal practices in purchasing tyres and tubes in K.S.R.T.C.*

SRI J. L. KABADE (Ballolli). — I call the attention of the Minister for Transport to the illegal practices in the purchase of Tyres and Tubes in K.S.R.T.C.

SRI M. MOHAMMAD ALI (Minister for Transport).— I wish to make the following Statement,

The K.S.R.T.C. has been purchasing tyres for the use of its fleet without calling for tenders and had adopted procedure similar to other Transport Undertakings in the Country, which were also purchasing tyres without calling for tenders since the Indian based foreign tyre manufacturing companies were regulating the fixation of prices by a Joint Undertaking of all the tyre manufacturing companies and the want of competition therefore has resulted in making tyres as a propriety item. The tyre companies ever since had made the purchase of tyres as solely a sellers market. But with the advent of M/s Modi Tyres in the market and their offering about Rs. 21 less than the price of other tyres companies considerable competition was set in. I had suggested to the Corporation to keep in view

the reduction offered by M/S Modi Tyres and the Corporation has managed to see that all other Tyre Companies have shown similar reduction and concessions. In the meanwhile during the month of November, 1976, I had suggested to the Corporation Board to call for the tenders for purchasing tyres since the position had changed and slowly there appeared to be an element of competition giving rise to the buyers' marketing condition. The Corporation accordingly decided to call for tenders. The Corporation Board in its meeting held on 29th and 30th November resolved to purchase tyres, tubes and flaps by calling for tenders and purchased the same by calling for tenders there after.

In the first place there has been all of a sudden change in the marketing condition. The tyres were however purchased by the K.S.R.T.C. as per its customary policy and procedure prevailing over a number of years, ever since its formation. After nationalisation of the Contract Carriages in the first week of February 1976 and consequent take over of their vehicles by the Corporation, there was a dire need to purchase a large number of tyres at short notices. Taking into consideration the immediate requirement for putting these vehicles on road, the Corporation was suggested by the Government to take immediate steps to enable them to bring the vehicles into operation. Therefore in view of immediate and urgent requirement, the spare parts and tyres were purchased by the Corporation Authorities as per the then prevailing practice and procedure as laid down by the Corporation. It is worth while to mention here that many of the operators had even removed the tyres, and the vehicles had to be towed, as they were mostly fitted with unserviceable tyres. To what extent, the authority was vested with the powers in the matter of purchase of tyres and irregularity if any is a matter under examination the Corporation Board, and therefore, I do not think it is desirable to make any comment at the moment.

As a result of adopting the tender system and carrying out negotiations with the tendering tyre manufacturing firm and the there after the purchase of tyres is now regulated by tender system.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಲ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ.— ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೈರ್ಸ್ ಟ್ಯೂಬ್ಸ್ ಅದರ್ ವೆಂಟೇರಿಯಲ್ಸ್ ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ತಮ್ಮ ವಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಬಂದಂತೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಕೆಪನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮುಂದೆ ೨೧ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಮೊದಲಿ ಟೈರ್ಸ್ ಅಪರಂ ತಿಳಿಸಿದಾಗ, ನವೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ರೇಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಟೈರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಟ್ಯೂಬ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವಾಗ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಎಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮೊತ್ತ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಲಾಂಛನ ಹೊಂದಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸ ಬೇಕು.

Sri M. MOHAMMAD ALI—Madam Speaker, if the prices of the tyres are brought on par with the prices that were offered by Modi & Co., the estimated saving would have been Rs. 11 lakhs per annum. What happens is this. All Corporations all over the country had to purchase tyres under prices offered by the Companies because they were proprietary items. It took some time to determine the correct purchase policy. The whole market position had to be correctly assessed and the purchase policy had to be determined correctly.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಲ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ.—ಇವತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಿರತಕ್ಕಂತಹ ಅವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ತನಿಖೆಯಾಗಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಅಷ್ಟು ಸೂಕ್ತವಲ್ಲ ಎಂದೂ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅದರ ರಿಂದ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತನಿಖೆಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ? ಅಥವಾ ಉಚ್ಚ ಆಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನೇನಾದರೂ ನೇಮಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ? ಅಥವಾ ನೇಮಿಸುವುದಾದರೆ ಯಾವಾಗ ನೇಮಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

Sri M. MOHAMMAD ALI.—I have to go into the question of the alleged irregularities. The Corporation Board has appointed a Sub Committee to go into this question. I thought any comment by me will prejudice the enquiry of the Committee. Therefore, what type of enquiry has to be done depends on the report of the Sub-Committee which will be submitted to the Corporation Board.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಲ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ.—ಈ ಒಂದು ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಎಷ್ಟು ಲಾಭಾನು ಮಾಡಿದೆ, ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತನಿಖೆಯಾಗಬೇಕು ಎಂಬ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೇ ಒಂದು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿಕೊಟ್ಟು, ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ಅವ್ಯವಹಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ತನಿಖೆಯಾಗುವುದು ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ಇದೆ ಎಂದೂ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಮೇಲಾದರೂ ಕೂಡ ತನಿಖೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಡಿಸದೇ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ ಏನು?

Sri M. MOHAMMAD ALI.—Madam Speaker, I do not remember to have made a statement. Details have to be gone into and it is not that Government want to ignore any irregularities. It will be the subject to the preliminary enquiry that has been initiated by the Corporation Board.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation and Parliamentary Affairs).—Madam Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table:

Order No. RDC 20 ETC 77 dated 2nd June 1977

Exemption of Coorg Coffee Growers Co-operative Society Limited, Mercara, from the provisions of Sub-Section (2) of Section 113 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act. Under Section 130 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The order is laid.